

DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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<u>DRAFT</u> – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 ALA WAI CLUB HOUSE

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Secretary Keolu Peralto called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 members present.** (Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.)

<u>Members Present</u>: Julia Allen, Richard Figluzzi (appointed at this meeting), Michelle Matson (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Barbara Miller, Bertha Nahoopii, Bert Narita, Keolu Peralto, Don Persons, Ali Pohl, Laura St. Denis, Jerry Wanager, Bryn Villers, and Linda Wong.

Members Absent: George Waialeale and George West.

<u>Guests</u>: Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), General Joe Logan (Governor Ige's Representative), Carol Hoshiko and Jan Thurman (Kapioloani Community College), Ann Wong (Board of Water Supply), Captain Paul Bass and Lame Shiroma (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant P. Buchanan (Honolulu Police Department), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Senator Les Ihara Jr., Former State Senator Sam Slom, State Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Representative Scott Nishimoto and Michelle Herr (State Representative Scott Nishimoto's office), House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Kirk Tsuneyoshi (City Council Offices); Jina Rabago and Pearl Ofoia (Domestic Violence Action Center); Franklin Chung, Michael Cacal, Daisy Murai, Barbra Armentrout, Carolyn Tanaka, and James Skizewski (Neighborhood Commission Office).

<u>Announcements</u>: For all wishing to speak on items not already on the agenda, please fill out a Community Concern form at the front desk and turn into the Chair or Neighborhood Assistant.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Police Department (HPD - District Six (6) Waikiki/Diamond Head): Lieutenant Buchanan reported the following:

- October 2016 Statistics: There were 4 robberies, 12 burglaries, 222 thefts of all kind, 58 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 30 speeding citations, 674 parking citations, 6 citations for loud mufflers, 236 citations for violation park closure hours, and 3,681 total calls of service.
- <u>December 2016 Events</u>: Lieutenant Buchanan noted that in the coming weeks of December 2016 there will be many parades and events held in the Waikiki area in commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Lieutenant Buchanan invited the public to attend the events that will be starting on Friday, December 2, 2016, and lasting until Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Pualei Circle</u>: Laura St. Denis asked about a report of shots being fired at chickens at Pualei Circle. Lieutenant Buchanan responded that he will get back to her next month regarding the report as he has no information on the incident. Laura St. Denis noted that she has spoken to a witness and Lieutenant Buchanan responded that witnesses should call HPD right away so they may aide in the identifying of the suspect.

<u>Honolulu Police Department (HPD - District Seven (7) Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights)</u>: Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane circulated a report and announced the following:

- October Statistics: There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 17 burglaries, 34 thefts, 18 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 6,701 calls for service in District 7.
- <u>Safety Tips Hurricane/Tsunami Preparedness:</u> Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane noted that in the period of June 2016-November 2016, it is important to be prepared for hurricanes and other storm like events. It is important to have a supply of water, to-go safety kit, radio, batteries, medicine, and all other potentially needed items stored and ready before a storm hits the island.
- <u>Crime Mapping Poll</u>: Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane conducted a poll of the board in regards to the inclusion of violent crimes on the online mapping feature of the HPD website crime map.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Personal Information: Bryn Villers asked and Lieutenant Sukekane responded that no personal information will be included on the online map as the mapping feature is marked in general areas with no specific address.
- 2. <u>Appreciation</u>: Linda Wong noted her appreciation of HPD polling the board regarding the additions of violent crimes to the online mapping feature.
- 3. Online Additions Take Effect: Bryn Villers asked and Lieutenant Sukekane responded that he has no idea when the additions will take place but will inform the board when the additions are made.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD - Waikiki Station): Captain Paul Bass reported the following

- Follow Ups: Captain Bass noted that Captain Wong will be in contact with administrator Catrell in regards to the Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Meetings. Captain Bass added that the fire fighter accidents are still being investigated and the media will receive updates when available.
- October 2016 Fire Statistics: There were 3 structural fires, 2 cooking fires, and 11 activated alarms (no fire).
 There were 149 medical responses, 1 motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian, 6 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 1 hazardous material incident, and 1 mountain rescue incident.
- <u>Thanksgiving Day Fire Safety Tips</u> Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and deaths nationwide. The following are safety tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday:
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking; do not leave cooking unattended.
 - Keep children at least three (3) feet away from the stove.
 - o For an oven fire, turn off the heat, and keep the oven door closed.
 - The HFD discourages the use of turkey fryers, as they may lead to burns and other injuries and can cause property damage, due to the large amount and high temperature of oil being used.
- <u>Kalua Turkey</u> Kalua turkey is a popular alternative and imu, or underground ovens are common cooking methods:
 - Dig the imu where the fire cannot accidentally spread and create a fire hazard.
 - o Avoid placing the imu where the smoke will blow into or across homes.
 - Let the neighbors know the plans, so they are aware of the smoke.
 - Call the HFD prior to lighting the imu fire at 723-3473.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Ann Wong reported the following:

- Main Break Report: Wong noted that the main break report was no available.
- BWS Long Range Water Master Plan Adopted: At BWS's October 2016 Board of Director's meeting, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of BWS Water Master Plan. The plan serves as road map for BWS to continue providing Oahu residents with safe, dependable, and affordable water. The final Water Master Plan incorporates feedback from several dozen commenters who participated in the 60-day public comment period, as well as the BWS Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The BWS appreciates the comments provided by the public and remains committed to an open and transparent process and will continue to engage the public to ensure the plan represents the customer's needs. With the approved Water Master Plan, the BWS will develop a 30-year Capital Improvement Program, develop a long-term Financial Plan, and conduct a Rate Study to finance the implementation of the Plan. To view the BWS Water Master Plan, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com/watermasterplan. Residents may also call 748-5347 or e-mail BWSWaterMasterPlan@hbws.org for more information.
- Kapahulu Waster System Project Update: Contractors have intaslled a new hydrant on Third Avenue between the end of the street and Harding Avenue. The contractor will be installing a new eight (8) inch main on Lincoln Avenue as well as probing on Belser Street.
- Follow Ups:
 - Jet Fuel Leak: Wong noted that the leak amount was estimated at 27,000 gallons on Thursday, January 14, 2016, from the Red Hill Storage Facility.
 - Water Master Plan Meeting: Wong noted that there will be a meeting regarding the BWS Master Plan on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, other presentation will be done by other organizations regarding sustainability and the water shed.
 - <u>Diamond Head Reservoir Facility</u>: Wong noted that on Monday, November 7, 2016, security found trails and rubbish but no homeless encampment in the Diamond Head Reservoir Facility area. If any suspicious activity is suspected in the area please call 9-1-1.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Walea Constantinau was not present, Oahu News was circulated.

FILLING OF SUB-DISTRICT ONE (1) VACANCY:

Jerry Wanager nominated Richard Figliuizzi. Richard Figliuzzi introduced himself to the board. Bryn Villers asked and Richard Figliuzzi responded that he is a real estate broker and consultant. Richard Figliuzzi added that his desire to join the board comes from being a care giver and his concern for the community as well as his desire to get involved. Bert Narita asked if the neighborhood commission was informed of the boards desire to contact non-elected candidates from the past neighborhood election and urged the board to defer the election till it is done so. Linda Wong voiced her opposition to delaying the filling of the vacancy.

Secretary Kelou Peralto called for a recess at 6:59 p.m., the meeting was called back to order at 7:01 p.m.

Neighborhood Assistant Skizewski informed the board that the Neighborhood Commission Office is unable to contact previous candidates as it would be considered a misuse of their information. The contact information was provided to the office for election purposes only.

Michelle Matson arrived at 7:01 p.m., 12 members present.

Secretary Kelou Peralto called for a recess at 7:02 p.m., so the neighborhood assistant could confirm the candidate's address.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:04 p.m.

Bert Narita moved and Linda Wong seconded the motion to affirm the candidate without objection. Richard Figliuzzi was appointed to the board by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (Aye: Allen, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Peralto, Persons, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, Villers, and Wong; Nay: None; Abstain: None;).

Secretary Kelou Peralto called for a recess at 7:06 p.m., the neighborhood assistant issued the oath of office. The meeting was called back to order at 7:08 p.m., Richard Figliuzzi joined the board, 13 members present.

Filling of Vice-Chair Vacancy:

Linda Wong moved and Jerry Wanager seconded the motion to move the "Filling of Vice-Chair Vacancy" to follow the "Filling of Sub-District One (1) Vacancy". Discussion followed: <u>Board Member Illness</u>: Michelle Matson asked and Keolu Peralto responded that board member Laura St. Denis is ill.

Following no further discussion, a vote by raised hands was carried out. The motion to move the "Filling of Vice-Chair Vacancy" to follow the "Filling of Sub-District One (1) Vacancy" passed, 11-0-2 (Aye: Allen, Figliuzzi, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, Villers, and Wong; Nay: None; Abstain: Matson and Peralto:).

Secretary Keolu Peralto opened the nominations for election of vice-chair. Jerry Wanager nominated Linda Wong. Michelle Matson nominated Bryn Villers. No additional nominations were made, Discussion Followed:

- 1. <u>Desire for Vice Chair</u>: Linda Wong noted that she has organized presentations before the board regarding parades and road closures. Linda Wong added that the Department of Transportation appeared and relayed that they will provide temporary parade notices that the board voted in support of. Linda Wong also noted her work with Representative Bert Kobayashi on the removal of two (2) chain link gates constructed at Leahi Beach Park and has served as this area's representative for the Waikiki Beach Special improvement District Association quarterly meetings along with reporting to the board on the happenings. Linda Wong voiced her desire to be vice-chair.
- 2. <u>Vice-Chair</u>: Bryn Villers noted what distinguishes a vice-chair is the ability to serve alongside the chair and assist in any manner needed. Bryn Villers added that the vice-chair must need to be able to run the meeting in a smooth orderly manner. Bryn Villers noted that he felt he would be the best option for vice-chair but will serve at any capacity as desired by the board.

- 3. Unresolved Issues: Michelle Matson noted the presence of an unresolved issue pertaining to a complaint letter brought before the board regarding Linda Wong that warrants the deferral of the vice chair election. Michelle Matson further noted that the complaint referred to improper representation by Linda Wong who then was to provide a response to the complaint. Michelle Matson added that the board is supposed to listen to concerns of the community and not get involved with matters outside the community. Other incidents where Linda Wong has stepped into audience to address residents in opposition of an issue that broke the existence of order and decorum during meetings warrants a new vice-chair that will uphold order-and-decorum.
- 4. <u>Status of Complaint</u>: Bert Narita asked the status of the complaint and neighborhood assistant Skizewski responded the complaint has been received. Bert Narita noted he has not received a rebuttal from board member Linda Wong regarding the complaint. Bert Narita noted the need for the complaint hearing to be held before having the vice-chair election. Linda Wong responded that she has spoken with the Neighborhood Commission Office who informed her that the complaint was received but will not be heard by the Neighborhood Commission. Linda Wong added that she has sent out a rebuttal through email and noted that her opposition to a presentation by Kealoha Lindsey is was caused the complaint.

Bert Narita moved and Michelle Matson seconded the motion to defer the Vice-Chair election to the next regular meeting of the Diamond Head No. 5 Neighborhood Board. Discussion followed:

- Receipt of Rebuttal Letter: Michelle Matson noted she has not received a rebuttal letter but noted she has
 received communications from the neighborhood assistant that contained a message by Chair West that
 outlines he was not going to circulate the rebuttal. Michelle Matson noted her need to receive a rebuttal
 and that the complaint has been filed.
- 2. Vice Chair Elections: Jerry Wanager voiced his feel of responsibly and apologized for switching votes during the initial vice-chair election. Jerry Wanager noted his understanding that one person may not hold two offices. Bert Narita responded that if a member is elected to a higher officer it is up to the candidate to choose which office they prefer. Jerry Wanager added that both nominees are able candidates. Bryn Villers noted that he has no personal feelings toward the votes for vice-chair but added that he accepted the treasurer office with the understanding that if he was elected vice-chair he may choose whichever office he would prefer.

Following no additional discussion a vote by roll call was carried out. The motion to defer the Vice-Chair election to the next regular meeting of the Diamond Head No. 5 Neighborhood Board failed, 6-5-2 (Aye: Allen, Matson, Nahoopii, Persons, and Villers; Nay: Figliuzzi, Miller, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, and Wong; Abstain: Narita and Peralto;).

Following no further discussion regarding the vice-chair nominees, a roll call vote was carried out. The vote resulted in a stalemate, 6-5-2 (Wong: Figliuzzi, Miller, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, and Wong; Villers: Allen, Matson, Narita, Persons, Villers; Abstain; Nahoopii and Peralto;).

PUBLIC EVENTS AND NOTICES: Secretary Keolu Peralto read aloud the following:

- Water for the World Run, Friday, November 11, 2016. Permit approved.
- Mizuno Half Marathon, Mid-Pacific Road Runner Club, Sunday, November 13, 2016. Permit Approved
- Turkey Trot for Fun, Honolulu Marathon Clinic, Thursday, November 24, 2016. Permit Submitted
- Waikiki Holiday Parade, Gateway Music Festival, Friday, November 25, 2016. Permit Submitted
- Sam' Memorial 5K Run, RRCA/Mid-Pacific RR, Sunday, November 27, 2016. Permit Approved
- Street Bikers United Toys For Tots Caravan, Sunday, December 4, 2016. Permit Submitted
- Honolulu Marathon, Honolulu Marathon Association, Friday, December 11, 2016. Permit Submitted

PRESENTATIONS

<u>Safe-on-Scene-Domestic Violence Action Center</u>: Jina Rabago announced a new program called Safe-on-Scene funded by the City and County of Honolulu that provides services directly to victims of domestic violence as soon as the incident is reported. Ribago added that this service is being provided in Districts six (6) and seven (7) during the third watch. For more information visit their website at www.domesticviolenceactioncenter.org or call 534-0040.

RESIDENT CONCERSN

<u>Missing Trash Receptacles at Kapiolani Park</u>: Michelle Matson requested a representative from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to attend the next meeting to provide information and take back concerns regarding missing trash receptacles.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Reelection: Councilmember Kobayashi thanked the community for their support during her run for reelection
 and noted that she will continue to work on issues such as drainage, road paving, and the future cleaning
 of the Ala Wai.
- <u>Kapahulu Bike Path</u>: Councilmember Kobayashi noted that the City and County of Honolulu is working to make the Kapahulu Bike path a city park and will update the board when more information in available.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Kapahulu Bike Path</u>: Michelle Matson noted that the board had a presentation last month regarding the Kapahulu Bike path that would include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Councilmember Kobayashi responded that she has not received any communications regarding the MOU but will continue to monitor the situation and notify the board when more information is available.

Governor David Ige's Representative: General Joe Logan circulated the latest Capitol Connection and reported the following:

- Presence at Meetings: General Logan apologized for his absences.
- Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP): General Logan commended the Aina Hina
 area for their work with the HHARP and noted the Manoa community is also working with the HHARP and
 the Department of Emergency Management.
- Veterans Day: General Logan thanked all service members for their contributions and service for our country and urged the community to attend events at the Punchbowl and State Cemeteries. General Logan noted all event may be consolidated to the natatorium next year.
- <u>Pearl Harbor</u>: General Logan noted that over 4,000 people are expected with attend the commemoration of Pearl Harbor this year.
- <u>Vietnam War</u>: Genral Logan noted that May 2017 will mark 50 years since the Vietnam War and the State
 of Hawaii is working with the Office of Veterans Affairs to plan events to commemorate the 50th anniversary
 of the Vietnam War.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Soldier Refueling: Bert Narita asked and General Logan responded that the 203rd has returned but as of now in regards to the Army there are 150 soldiers in Kuwait doing aircraft maintenance that will return in the summer. General Logan added that there is not a large mobilization of local soldiers overseas at this time
- 2. Natatorium: Michelle Matson noted her concerns regarding the consolidation of events to the natatorium as it is now in deplorable condition. Michelle Matson advocated to General Logan to urge for Governor Ige to withdraw the executive order that released the Natatorium to the City and County of Honolulu so the State of Hawaii can restore the Natatorium so the events may be held and honor our state. General Logan noted that he will take back the request to the governor. Michelle Matson noted the new reservation plan for the area proposed by the National Trust for Preservation who is now in discussions with the City and County of Honolulu but reiterated the need for Governor Ige to withdraw the executive order so discussions can continue at the state level.

- 3. <u>Salmonella</u>: Bert Narita requested the Department of Health be acknowledged for their efforts in limiting the cases and finding the source for the salmonella outbreak so quickly.
- 4. <u>Ala Wai Water Shed</u>: Resident Chung asked and General Logan responded that the Army Corp of Engineers has met with Governor Ige and are still planning how to best address the Ala Wai and its watershed. General Logan added that the costs have been estimated at around \$250 million to develop the reservoirs in the area. General Logan noted that the cleaning of the Ala Wai will try to be done at the same time but there are still the need of matching funds to be provided from the State of Hawaii.
- 5. <u>Matching Funds</u>: Michelle Matson asked and General Logan responded that the State will contribute 20-25% of the \$250 million.

Senator Les Ihara Jr.: Senator Ihara Jr. reported the following:

- <u>Contacting the Office</u>: Senator Ihara Jr. urged the community to contact his office with any questions or ideas regarding the upcoming session and legislation.
- Senate District 10: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that his Senate District 10 is from the Ewa side of Kapahulu
 Avenue from the Ala Wai Canal up Monsarrat Avenue as well as the Ewa side of Kapiolani Community
 College.
- <u>Legislature</u>: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that the legislature will convene on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 which will be followed by the bill introduction deadline a week later. Senator Ihara Jr. added that the legislature will hold an open house on Thursday, January 18, 2016.
- <u>State Supreme Court Vacancy</u>: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that this session the state senate will need to confirm
 one (1) new State Supreme Court Justice as one of the current Justices will age out in March 2017. Senator
 Ihara Jr. added that the issue will be needed to addressed early in session to avoid a vacancy during the
 confirmation process.
- Tax Rebalancing: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that he is working on legislation to help those who are one paycheck away from financial crisis. Senator Ihara Jr. noted that 48% of residents live paycheck to paycheck and noted that the Ney York Times did a national survey that resulted in 48% of people replying stating they live paycheck to paycheck. Senator Ihara Jr. stated that he is working on a rebalancing of taxes that will return the tax rate to the top bracket back to 11% which then allow those who live below the poverty line to not have to pay taxes and allow this proposal to be revenue neutral.
- Mail in Voting: Senator Ihara Jr. noted his support for an all-mail in voting system. Senator Ihara Jr. added that the voting system now is a hybrid system with mail in and polling sites voting options that requires the hiring of over 300 poll site employees. Senator Ihara Jr. urged the community to contact his office in regards to their feelings toward a mail in only voting system. Senator Ihara Jr. further noted that the League of Women Voters are looking for those interested in forming a neighborhood network that will represent a broad base of support, please contact his office.
- Anela Gardens Liquor License Update: Senator Ihara noted that Anela Gardens Wedding Venue has applied for a liquor license. Senator Ihara sent a letter to the Liquor Commission pertaining to their percentage of protest error based on the form they used to compute the percentage of protest. They based it on total properties count of "total property owners" when it should be "Properties". Kapahulu Neighbors only needed 40% Protest, since a School is within the 500 foot radius of the venue for a denial. Kapahulu Neighbors were able to garner 51.2% protest. The license was approved by mistake and Senator Ihara noted that he has spoken with the Chairman of the Liquor Commission who acknowledged there was an error but is unaware of how many past liquor licenses errors occurred. Senator Ihara concluded that the Liquor Commission's website does recognized that the liquor license for the Anela Gardens Venue was vetoed and in turn not granted.
- Ala Wai Dredging: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that he has received an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Ala Wai Dredging Project on Tuesday, November 10, 2016, and is willing to send the EIS to those who wish to view the document. Senator Ihara Jr. added that the deadline for the submittal of comments regarding the EIS is Thursday, December 8, 2016, this project is separate from the project being done by the Army Corp of Engineers.

• Natatorium and Sea Wall: Senator Ihara Jr. noted that the Natatorium and sea wall is no longer in his district but is working with the area's legislators to address the issues accompanying the areas in question. Senator Ihara Jr. added that since the city has taken control of the natatorium area and have put forth an EIS that addresses the impacts and options for the area and it is up to the City and County of Honolulu to decide what option is the most ideal. Senator Ihara Jr. concluded that he hopes there is a consensus regarding the chosen plan for the area so the community can rally and get the funds needed to address the Natatorium.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. Sea Wall: Laura St. Denis noted that each building along the sea wall is taking care of their portion of the sea wall. Senator Ihara Jr. responded that the state loss in the intermediate court of appeals and then in turn if the state loses at the State Supreme Court Level it will result in the State being liable in the private/public portions of the sea wall. Don Persons noted that the state is now liable for the areas due to the appellate courts ruling and Senator Ihara Jr. responded that he is unaware if the state will continue to appeal but will update the board when more information is available.
- 2. Natatorium: Laura St. Denis referred to a new group called the Preservationist of the Natatorium that have proposed a new plan for water flow for the area and Michelle Matson added that National Trust for Preservation is in talks with the City and County of Honolulu that is considering their plan and that the consultant has a lot more work to do regarding the plan. Michelle Matson added that a discussion is worthy regarding the revoking of the executive order that put the Natatorium under city jurisdiction and Senator Ihara Jr. responded that he has not received any communication from the city regarding the handling of the Natatorium.
- 3. <u>All Mail Voting System</u>: Michelle Matson asked and Senator Ihara Jr. responded that he is in support of a mail in only voting system.
- 4. <u>Diamond Head State Monument Master Plan</u> Michelle Matson asked and Senator Ihara responded that his district no longer includes Diamond Head but added he is interested in the long term and the Monument Plan, and favors public education, discussion, understanding and appreciation of the value of this State icon, and adding value and caring for it after the trail improvement with the Visitor's Interpretive Center.
- 5. Anela Gardens: Linda Wong asked and Senator Ihara Jr. responded that he is working with Councilmember Fukunaga to address the issue regarding past liquor licenses but only the Anela Gardens Venue liquor license has been challenged. Resident Murai thanked Senator Ihara for his efforts as the law was changed to properties regarding the protest percentage. Senator Ihara Jr. added that his office manager Heather Bolland worked for months on this issue and has fixed this issue for the future.

<u>Senator Sam Slom</u>: Senator Sam Slom distributed a newsletter and reported the following: <u>Gratitude</u>: Senator Slom urged the community to attend events on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, commemorating Pearl Harbor. Senator Slom thanked the board for their courtesy and offered his assistance to the board at any time.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Appreciation</u>: Michelle Matson noted her gratefulness for Senator Slom's efforts while in office and added the need for the balance and fairness that Senator Slom provided. Michelle Matson requested Senator Slom to continue to attend the board meetings. Linda Wong praised Senator Slom thanking him for the much he has taught the board and Senator Slom responded the he learned just as much from the board.

<u>House Speaker Emeritus (HSE) Calvin Say</u>: House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Adopt-a-Park: House Speaker Emeritus Say urged the community to attend the Adopt-a-park event at Kalaepohaku Park on Saturday, November 19, 2016. The park cleanup will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- <u>Food Drive</u>: House Speaker Emeritus Say announced the 2016 Holiday Food Drive that will take place on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Bring all non-perishable food donations to Hokulani Elementary School from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Election Day Feedback</u>: Bert Narita voiced his concerns over the lack of foresight regarding the issues that provided difficulties on Election Day and further voiced frustrations with the lack of clarity to the way the votes were counted in regards to the State Constitutional amendments versus the City Charter amendments. House Speaker Emeritus Say responded that he personally thought the Office of Elections did a good job during the election process, House Speaker Emeritus Say added that the Office of Elections had no knowledge of the amount of amendments that were going to be on the ballots which caused difficulties in regards to the amendments as the budget was approved two (2) years before the election. House Speaker Emeritus Say urged the board to petition the legislators if they feel mail in ballots only are the way they want elections to be carried out. House Speaker Emeritus Say concluded that the intent of the language of some of the amendments are unknown and the elected officials should shoulder the blame as the legislators should have recognized the potential issues.
- Charter Amendments: Linda Wong asked House Speaker Emeritus Say to find out when the Office of Elections found out the amount of amendments to be on the ballots as emergency procurement could have be carried out.
- 3. <u>Ballot Scanner</u>: Laura St. Denis noted that she worked at the polls on Election Day and voice multiple incidents and difficulties with the ballot scanners.
- 4. <u>Mai-In Ballots</u>: Bryn Villers voiced his concerns regarding a mail-in only election process as in person voting allows voters to identify themselves and avoid possible voter influence. House Speaker Emeritus Say noted Bryn Villers concerns and suggested only the reducing of precincts as it costs more to have efficient elections. House Speaker Emeritus Say voiced issues with voter volunteer attendance as there were incidents where poll volunteers did not show up.
- 5. Office of Elections: Linda Wong voiced noted the Mr. Nago should be relieved of his duties because of the issues that continue to arise during the election process and House Speaker Emeritus Say responded that it is up to the commission to decide who is the chairman not the legislature.
- 6. <u>Aircraft Disturbances</u>: Michelle Matson asked and House Speaker Emeritus Say responded that the aircraft disturbances were both commercial and military aircraft. House Speaker Emeritus Say noted that he has passed on the responses from the federal agency to Chair West. Michelle Matson added that the aircraft disturbances are increasing and House Speaker Emeritus Say responded that the community must keep a record of disturbances by recording the flights so it may be forwarded to the federal agency.

Representative Bert Kobayashi: Representative Kobayashi distributed a report and reported the following: Mileage Gas Tax Study: Representative Kobayashi noted that the Mileage Gas Tax Study discussed last meeting is not a pilot project but rather a three (3) year study. Representative Kobayashi added that an amendment he has requested will be to include the country gas taxes as well as highway fees and federal gas taxes to go along with the mileage fee. Representative Kobayashi further added that the gas tax only generates one third of the revenues of the highway division and Representative Kobayashi believes the study needs to be more comprehensive and include the issue of county gas taxes as some county gas taxes are larger than the state gas tax. Representative Kobayashi concluded that he has received no response in regards to his requested amendments to the study.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Mileage Tax</u>: Bryn Villers voiced concerns regarding the switching to a mileage based tax noting that most of the people that drive the farthest are those with the least amount of money and those that are well off are able to afford homes closer to the city centers reducing travel distance. Representative Kobayashi responded that the aforementioned issues have been raised and the Department of Transportation is aware of the concerns. Representative Kobayashi added that the legislators of those distance area with lower income families have fought the increasing of highway fees this past session.
- 2. Repealing of the Electoral College: Laura St. Denis asked and Representative Kobayashi responded that the Electoral College could be repealed by an amendment to the United States Constitution. Representative Kobayashi added that the repealing of the Electoral College would be very difficult two stage process as the final stage would be the necessity of having two thirds of all the states agree to the amendment and while also needing the approval of congress or by two thirds of the State's Legislatures. Senator Ihara added that there is also the National Popular Vote which Hawaii is already a part of which

would have states that add up to 270 electoral votes agree by statue to cast their Electoral College votes for the winner of the popular vote. Laura St. Denis responded that the reasoning for the Electoral College is not still relevant and Senator Ihara responded that the National Popular Vote Compact would be the way to address this issue.

<u>Representative Scott Nishimoto</u>: Representative Nishimoto circulated a newsletter and reported the following: <u>Absence</u>: Representative Nishimoto apologized for his recent absence and urged the community to read his provided report.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Budget</u>: Bert Narita asked and Representative Nishimoto responded that he is still on the Committee dealing with the budget. Bert Narita asked and representative Nishimoto responded that he is doing all he can to address the unfunded liability issue that is ongoing.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Bert Narita noted that the Next OMPO will be the Third Wednesday of the month and will be held at the Mayor's conference room beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Adoption Law: Linda Wong noted that she attended the bill signing that would open all adoption records in Hawaii.

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of October 13, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Bert Narita moved and Bryn Villers seconded a motion to approve the October 13, 2016, regular meeting minutes as Amended. The motion passed, 12-1-0 (Aye: Allen, Figliuzzi, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Peralto, Persons, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, and Villers; Nay: Wong; Abstain: None;). Amendment is as followed: Page 3: Under subsection "Water Master Plan" the agency that should be listed is the Department of Planning and Permitting and not the Public Utilities Commission.

Michelle Matson moved and Bertha Nahoopii seconded a motion to approve the September 9, 2016, regular meeting minutes as Amended. The motion passed, 12-1-0 (Aye: Allen, Figliuzzi, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Peralto, Persons, Pohl, St. Denis, Wanager, and Villers; Nay: Wong; Abstain: None;). Amendment is as followed:

- 1. <u>Page Four (4)</u>: Under Mayors Representative Report in subsection "Questions, comments, and concerns" question 2 should be titled "Bike Share Stations" not "Green Magazine".
- 2. Page Six (6): Under section Resident Concerns under "Parked Cars on Winam Street" Park" should read DTS's response to the issue of parked cars on Winam Street is to stack cars behind parked cars until the Mooheau Avenue and Winam Street intersection clears. Also in section "Traffic Impact on the Public" should read Matson stated that the solution is to widen the road adjacent to the Mooheau Avenue and Winam Street intersection.
- 3. <u>Page Five (5)</u>: Under "Board of Water Supply Master Plan Presentation", the "Questions, comments and concerns followed" should read as followed for these highlighted sections:
 - a. 1. New Honolulu Reservoirs: Matson asked about the construction of new reservoirs in the Honolulu area and where they will be located. Mattos responded that he did not know where the new reservoirs are planned for the Honolulu area but will provide this information at the next meeting.
 - b. 2. <u>Red Hill Water Supply Safety</u>: Matson asked if the Water Master Plan has addressed the Red Hill toxic infiltration and the safety of the aquifer as an existing problem. Mattos responded that this was not addressed in the Water Master Plan. He added that BWS is involved with talks with the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health, and the United States Navy in regards to the Red Hill toxic infiltration issue and the Red Hill Administrative Order and Consent Decree, and this is a major priority for BWS as a prime stakeholder and subject matter expert.
 - c. 3. <u>Underestimated Population Increase</u>: Matson noted that the Water Master Plan presentation shows a population increase of 29,500 in the Primary Urban Center, which extends from Pearl City to Kahala, and pointed out that the population projection for Kaka'ako alone is 30,000. She added

that a new planning law recently passed by the City Council allows undetermined increased densities and heights for new towers constructed near 21 rail stations, and it is reported that a) the issues remain to be determined by the City Council and b) they do not want to get it wrong. Matson pointed out that one issue is having enough water in the future, and asked if BWS has calculated the additional water that will be needed for this unlimited development, as the exponential population increase based on the City Council's new leeway does not appear to be reflected in the Water Master Plan's figures. Chair West agreed with the question and requested Matson to submit her concerns as comments on the BWS master plan to the BWS, as the as their representative may not be able to address this adequately.

- d. 4. <u>Rail Funding</u> Matson additionally asked if the BWS has taken into account the possibility of funds being redirected away from their essential infrastructure development projects to support the building of the rail system. Chair West stated that the BWS rep could get back to the Board on this concern, and Mattos agreed to follow up on the stated concerns at a future meeting.
- 4. <u>Page Seven (7)</u>: Councilmember Kobayashi, page 7 should read under "Questions, comments and concerns" subsection corrections are as follows:
 - a. 4. <u>Water Feature</u>: Wong asked and Councilmember Kobayashi responded that Councilmember Ozawa is trying protecting the area surrounding the water feature.
 - b. 5. <u>Population Increase</u>: Councilmember Kobayashi added that with more people in the Kaka'ako area more property taxes will be collected.
 - c. 6. Resurfacing of St. Louis Heights Streets
 - d. 7. <u>Diamond Head Homelessness Encampments and BWS Funds</u>: Matson noted receiving correspondence pertaining to the increasing homelessness encampments along Diamond Head Road and Beach Road and residents' concerns about the possible accompanying fire hazards such as the 2-acre ridge fire earlier in the year. . .
 - e. 8. <u>BWS Funds</u>: Matson voiced again expressed the need for BWS funds to remain intact and not be redirected to not be touched in regards to address rail building and operations cost. . .
- 5. <u>Page Nine (9)</u>: Under Waikiki Beach Improvement District Association Report on page 9 should be instead of "Study" be "Environmental Impact Statement" and instead of "Surf" be "Beach Restoration".
- Page Nine (9): Under "Approval of August 11 Minutes" on page nine (9) it should read under "Amendments",
 Matson noted her surprise that the submitted and accepted amendments of the July 2016 minutes were
 not included in the August minutes or on the website.

Crosswalk Study: Bryn Villers noted that the crosswalk study will be made available in December 2016.

REPORTS

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: Bryn Villers read the financial statement of expenditures of October 2016 which totaled \$40.86 and reported the remaining balance of \$312.30.

<u>Sub district One (1) (St. Louis Heights)</u>: Julia Allen added that the next meeting of the Saint Louis Heights Community Association will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016, at Hokulani Elementary School.

<u>Sub district Three (3) (Diamond Head)</u>: Laura St. Denis noted that the Friends of Diamond Head cleared rubbish and Naupaka along Diamond Head Road. Michelle Matson added that Friends of Diamond Head is working with the Diamond Head Advisory Committee in regards to the rest stop area as a project and received a grant for the project but noted that is does not extend the length of Diamond Head Road. Michelle Matson futher added that the DPR has noted that they will continue to monitor the Naupaka growth and urged an update of the clearing being done in the area.

<u>Sub district Two (2) (Kapahulu):</u> Bryn Villers noted that the dumping on Pali Uli Street has begun to build up and added that City and County of Honolulu has cited for illegal dumping. If illegal dumping is witnessed it can be reported to the City and County of Honolulu and Bryn Villers urged the community to bring illegal dumping issues before the board so it can be relayed to the City and County of Honolulu.

<u>CHAIR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>: <u>Announcements</u>: <u>Secretary Keolu Peralto noted that Chair West will be returning to Oahu later this evening</u>. Bert Narita voiced his desires for the board to produce a certificate of appreciation for Senator Sam Slom and Michael Formby. Michelle Matson noted that the Kapahulu Avenue Corridor Study has been recognized as a candidate by OMPO for work elements and Michelle Matson noted its importance for concerns regarding pedestrians.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Secretary Keolu Peralto adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by: James Skizewski, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor

Reviewed by: Keolu Peralto, Board Secretary

Finalized by: George West, Chair